Mr. A. Eachara Menon.—How many in the waiting list have become age barred?

Mr. I. N. Menon.—The waiting list contains nearly 200 names. It is not possible to give a definite answer.

Mr. E. P. Bhaskara Menon.—Are there acting hands still not entertained in service?

Mr. I. N. Menon.—No.

Mr. E. P. Bhaskara Menon—If there is no priority, what is the use of the waiting list?

Mr. I. N. Menon.—We do not organise a waiting list of those who ask for employment, in the order in which applications are received. Some have been waiting for years, some of them are employed under district boards and so on. The Hon'ble Member can have no ideas to what is happening.

Potteries—manufacture of articles.

268. **Mr. K. S. Manickam**— Will the Government be pleased to state:—

1. what are the terms on which the Pottery Expert has been engaged by the Government and the period for which he is engaged; what is his pay;

2. what are the articles that are now being manufactured in the Potteries;

3. whether the clay, that is made use of in the manufacture of the said articles, is obtained locally or any portion thereof brought from outside; if any portion is brought from outside where is it brought down from;

4. whether any investigation into the possibilities and fitness of locally obtainable clay has been made and if any investigation has been made, what are the results of such investigations;

5. what is done with the output of the Pottery industries; whether any monopoly for sale of the output has been given to any merchant or merchants; if any monopoly is granted, what are the terms on which the monopoly is granted;

6. whether there is any agreement with the Expert to train any person or persons in the manufacture of these articles, for which the Expert has been specially engaged; whether any and if so, how many persons are now being trained in the art, including the finish?

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Mr V. K. Aravindaksha Menon. — 1. A copy of the agreement between the Government Pottery Expert and the Government is appended. *(Appendix I).*

2. Pickle jars, Bung jars and Snuff jars of sizes ranging from ½ to 112 lbs., Stew pots and Delf pots of various capacities, sundries like Ash trays, Coffee jugs, Ink wells, etc., are being made in the Potteries now.

3. Ball and Fire-clays are found locally. Pegmatite is not obtainable in the locality. This is got down from Nandalore.

4. The Pottery Expert prospected for Pegmatite in Chalakkudi and in various other places of the State. His experiments with the samples of the mineral brought from these places showed that they were not suitable. The Expert is now testing the clay from Karanchira.

5. The articles manufactured are now sold mainly through the Agency of the Sales Manager. Monopoly is not given to any Firm.

6. Yes. Two apprentices are being trained by the Government Pottery Expert.

Mr. P. Govinda Menon.—(b) Who are these two apprentices ?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—One is a Christian and the other is an Ezhuva.

Mr. P. Govinda Menon.—Has Government guaranteed them any appointment in the Government ?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—No.

Mr. P. Govinda Menon.—When were these two apprentices taken in ?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—About one year ago.

Mr. P. Govinda Menon.—Before these two were taken in were there persons there undergoing apprenticeship in the Potteries ?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—Yes; there was one apprentice.

Mr. P. Govinda Menon.—What has Government done with him ?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—He was a school master and he was reverted.

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Mr. P. Govinda Menon.—Is there any reason why he was reverted after he had undergone apprentice course in the Potteries?

Mr. I. N. Menon.—I think it was not a case of compulsory reversion. This teacher had gone to the Potteries with glorious prospects and when he realised that it was not possible and when he also found that in the meantime by absenting himself from his permanent post he will have to forego the chances of promotion in the Education Department, I think because of a feeling of discontent that he came away.

Mr. P. Govinda Menon.—Did he go back of his own accord?

Mr. I. N. Menon.—I think so.

Mr. P. Govinda Menon.—Then why did Government take him in as an apprentice?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—It was years ago and he thought he had a prospect of employment there.

Mr. P. Govinda Menon.—Did he undergo a complete training in this Pottery?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—No.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—How long was he an apprentice?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—Two years.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Was he not the proper person to be apprenticed than the raw hands?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—There was no systematic work going on at that time. The training he received during that period was not considered sufficiently sound to regard his claims to that.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Was he also an applicant when these hands were taken?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—I want notice.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Was the former apprentice a Physics graduate?

Mr. I. N. Menon.—Yes.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—What are the qualification of the present apprentices?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—One is a Chemistry graduate and the other a B. Sc. of Benares and his special subject was Ceramics.

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Mr. T. K. Nayar.—Is there any curricula of studies prescribed ? Will the technical expert divulge his knowledge to the apprentices ?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—That is one of the conditions of the appointment.

Mr. T. K. Nayar.—Is it because the apprentice who was there before did not get any technical knowledge from the previous expert that he went away ?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—I want notice.

Mr. T. K. Nayar.—Has the Government any idea that the present apprentices are not getting any technical knowledge from the expert ?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.— They are being trained by the expert.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—If the training is not properly done is any penalty imposed upon the expert?

Mr. President.—He could be sent away.

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—The Pottery expert has to submit to the Government a progress report of the apprentices.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—Whether according to the curricula of studies now prescribed whether the apprentices will become experts in the line before the three years of his service comes to an end?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—The Pottery expert said that it will be necessary for them to have a course of five years training.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—Is the curricula for five years course?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—The period is not fixed. We have mentioned only the subjects.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthssan.—How far will they have advanced before Mr. Whatmore, under the existing circumstances, leaves the State ?

Mr. K. Ayyappan.—Have they received any progress report till now ?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—No.

Mr. P. Govinda Menon.—Have the Government any idea of taking more apprentices?

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Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—Not at present.

Mr. T. K. Nayar.—Will the Government be pleased to send up somebody at their cost and have some training in a foreign country? Will they take it seriously?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—I will consider the suggestion.

Mr. M. V. Cherian.—Are the purchasers given any independent Commission over and above the commission paid to the sales Manager? If so what is the percentage?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—According to the sale catalogue of prices they are subject to a commission ranging from 2½ to 7½ per cent.

Mr. M. V. Cherian.—May I know whether the Government is aware of the existence of a concern called Industrials and whether that Industrials is also run by the present sales manager?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—Government is not aware.

Mr. M. V. Cherian. — Whether the Government has been made aware of the fact from a party named Shah of Mattancheri?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—No.

Mr. M. V. Cherian.—Whether the Government is aware of the fact that the maximum commission fixed is Rs. 250 and the demand is put over to the next month so that there is no proper supply for the demand?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—Now the sales manager is given a maximum of Rs. 250.

Mr. M. V. Cherian.—In as much as the maximum has been fixed at Rs. 250 will not the sales be affected and orders exceeding a commission of Rs. 250 put off to the next month? Is the Government aware of such a tactics used by the sales manager?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—No.

Mr. President.—Is he earning his maximum in all months?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—In some months he is earning the maximum.

Mr. M. V. Cherian.— Is the Government aware that because he is getting the maximum certain months in order to get more than Rs. 250 further orders are being kept pending till the next month?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—No.

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Mr. M. V. Cherian.— Is the Government prepared to give the business to people who guarantee a certain amount of sales?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—Even as in the conditions at present there is absolutely no monopoly. Government can consider the requests from any merchant.

Mr. M. V. Cherian.—If the offers come from people who guarantee Rs. 10,000 a year will the Government take into consideration such offers?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.— If they want a monopoly then Government would not be in a position to accept.

Mr. M. V. Cherian.— Only for Mattancheri. If a man is going to offer will they accept it?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.— If a reasonable proposal is given Government will consider.

Mr. E. P. Bhaskara Menon.—Watching the progress of the present expert the do Government feel that there is any necessity for sending anybody to foreign parts for training in the potteries?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.— Government do not feel the necessity now.

Mr. E. P. Bhaskara Menon.—Are we to take it that the progress made by the present incumbent is more than satisfactory?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.— Within the lines in which he is working he is doing well.

Drawing teacher — Government Industrial School—Narakkal.

269. **Mr. George Parakkal.**—Will the Government be pleased to state if the necessity of a Drawing teacher was required in the Government Industrial School, Narakkal, so as to be helpful to the pupils in the Carpentry and Smithy classes?

Mr. I. N. Menon.—Government have realised the necessity of appointing a Drawing teacher in each of the Government Industrial Schools and they are taking necessary steps.

Literature Honours—Scheme of.

270. **Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar.**—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(1) why was the scheme of Literature Honours given up;

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APPENDIX I.

Agreement made this day the 28th January 1934 between Charles Henry Whatmore of the one part, hereinafter called the Government Pottery Expert, Chalakudy and the Dewan of Cochin on behalf of the Cochin Government on the other part, hereinafter called the Diwan of Cochin, whereby it is agreed as follows:

1. The said Government Pottery Expert will work in the Government Stoneware Works at Chalakudi for a period of three years from this day terminable by either party at three months notice, with option to extend the term of service, if so required. He will be in charge of the manufacturing sections of the works.

2. The said Government Pottery Expert will draw a monthly salary of Rs. 500 for the first year, Rs. 600 for the second, and Rs. 700 for the third with a commission of five per cent on the net profits.

3. He will work immediately under the State Chief Engineer and will be amenable to all discipline and control to which the officers of the State are subjected.

4. The said Government Pottery Expert shall place all his services and technical knowledge exclusively at the disposal of the Government throughout the period of his employment, and shall not, without the express sanction of the Government, either help in starting such factories anywhere else or in any manner associate himself with the working or management of any such factory or associated business. He shall conduct and carry out such matters as shall from time to time be required of or entrusted to him and shall use his best endeavours to ensure the advancement and prosperity of the State Potteries and shall in all things carry out, obey and fulfil all instructions and directions as shall from time to time be given to him by the Diwan or officers authorised by him.

5. The Government Pottery Expert shall not at any time absent himself from the performance of his duties aforesaid except on leave for such period not exceeding one calendar month in any year, and this only at such time or times as may be previously sanctioned by the Government.

6. The said Government Pottery Expert will be given by the Government the necessary office and free quarters.

7. He will train apprentices appointed by the Government in the art and manufacture of Pottery for the term of years specified by the Government and in accordance with the curriculum of studies approved by the Government without any extra remuneration.

8. He should not employ any person in the Stoneware Factory excepting coolies, without the sanction of the Government.

In witness whereof the said parties to these presents have hereunto set their respective hands and seals:

(Sd.)
C. G. HERBERT,
Diwan.

(Sd.)
C. H. WHATMORE,
Pottery Expert.

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